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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
GENERATING CONSTANT VOLTAGE

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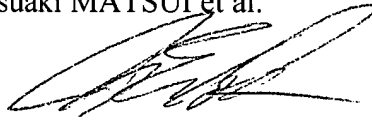
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5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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